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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page I, line 4, after "This application", please insert: + is a division of U.S.

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Page 38, Tine 2, delete ", and the operon, dspE".

Page 40, line 25, delete "competing" and insert --completing--.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-16 and 29-37.

Respectfully submitted.

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